

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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DOCKET: 04-00342

IN RE: Docket for the Purpose of Receiving Petitions for Designation of Statewide 211 Providers Pursuant to Public Chapter 762 of the Acts of 2004

DATE: November 1, 2004

On May 24, 2004, Chapter No. 762 of the Public Acts of 2004 became effective, establishing a process to designate an entity to serve as the 2-1-1 Collaborative to run a statewide 2-1-1 social services referral network. Chapter 762 empowered the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to designate the Collaborative, after the opportunity for a hearing if petitioned. After the designation, the TRA will conduct an additional proceeding to consider the allocation to the Collaborative of a one-time grant not to exceed \$400,000 to defray the start-up costs of establishing the statewide social services referral service.

Chapter 762 requires the TRA to make such designation no later than **December 31, 2004**. In order to have sufficient time for review and to conduct any necessary proceedings, petitions should be filed in this docket no later than **Monday, November 22, 2004**.

In order to ensure that the Petition contains sufficient information for review by the TRA, the following information must be included in the petition:

- Financial status – The petition should include a financial plan showing an ability to provide long-term financial support for the statewide plan,
- Technical ability – The petition should provide the technical overview of the plan along with a list of the technical staff and their experience and qualifications to operate the system;
- Managerial capability – The petition should set forth the petitioner's organizational structure along with the names of people and their qualifications to run the organization;
- Statewide coverage – The petition should provide a specific plan by which the Collaborative will provide 2-1-1 services statewide, including the dates that each Tennessee county will be connected to the system;
- Collaborative members – The petition should include the names, telephone numbers and address of all members of the Collaborative including the parts of the state in which they will be providing service
- Start-up expenses – The petition should include a request for the state grant to help defray start-up costs for the Collaborative along with a detailed plan of how the grant will be spent in launching the statewide network.

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY,

Pat Miller, Chairman